

REMARKS

Claim amendments

The "term for use in therapy and diagnosis" has been deleted from claim 1 as not being further limiting in a composition claim. The element of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 3 has been cancelled.

Response to restriction requirement

In response to the restriction requirement and election of species, applicant elects group I, species A1 (antibodies...) and species B2 (enzymes) All elected claims read on elected species A1. All elected claims except 12-14 read on elected species B2.

The restriction requirement is traversed insofar as it separates group I from group II. The restriction requirement is apparently premised on the position that the two groups have distinct structure, function and usage. However, the groups differ in the target bound. The Examiner has not shown that distinct structures, functions and uses of the two types of target bound require corresponding distinct structures, functions and uses of the claimed reagents. Because it is the reagent that is being claimed rather than the target, and the reagents have similar functions and uses, it is submitted that Groups I and II should be examined together.

The Examiner's comments regarding rejoinder of the method claims if the composition claims are found patentable are acknowledged.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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